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Sir,

Sometime last Spring, Dr Troost, my preceptor, informed me that he had received a letter from you requesting his assistance in gathering the Flora of Tennessee. The proposal was made to me by him, & accordingly during the spring & summer, I embraced all opportunities for making such collection. I have the pleasure now to offer you from 150 to 200 plants, & will feel happy if they contribute aught to the beautiful & interesting Study of Botany. Of nearly all the plants, I collected duplicates. I intend that my labors shall not stop here.

Having come to this city for the purpose of attending the Medical School, I brought them with me & intend, if an opportunity offer, to carry them to your city myself, but in case I should not be able to do so, I wish you to inform me in what way they can be most safely conveyed to you. They are put up in two portfolios the greater part being sewed to papers.

I remarked that I had come to this city for the purpose of attending Medical Lectures. I wish however that you would give me some information respecting the Medical School — the College of Physicians & Surgeons — with which, I believe, you are connected. Is the anatomical department well supplied? Can the Students have access to the Hospitals &c? What are the expenses of the Institution i.e. tickets &c? My motives for requesting this information are good, for I feel somewhat interested, and probably if

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the information be satisfactory, I may spend the winter with your school. If there be any circulars respecting the school I will be much obliged to you for a copy of them.

Dr Troost has given me a letter of introduction to you. An immediate answer, if convenient, is respectfully requested.

I am Sir,

with Much respect,

yours,

Richard A. Currey,

of Nashville,

Tenn.

To

Professor Torrey,

New York City

P.S. Dr Troost informed me that he had written to you, in which he mentioned the proposal made me. I would like to get a copy of your work, now publishing.

R. A. Currey

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